

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 553

Short Title: Expand TANF Eligibility to Include Pregnancy. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Staton-Williams, F. Jackson, and Price (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 4, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXPAND TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
3 (TANF)/WORK FIRST PROGRAM ASSISTANCE BENEFITS TO INCLUDE A
4 WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 SECTION 1. G.S. 108A-24 reads as rewritten:

7 "§ 108A-24. Definitions.

8 As used in Chapter 108A:

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10 (3c) "Family" means a unit consisting of a minor child or children and one or more
11 of their biological parents, adoptive parents, stepparents, or grandparents
12 living together. For purposes of the Work First Program, family also includes
13 a pregnant woman, blood or half-blood relative or adoptive relative limited to
14 brother, sister, great-grandparent, great-great-grandparent, uncle, aunt,
15 great-uncle, great-aunt, great-great-uncle, great-great-aunt, nephew, niece,
16 first cousin, stepbrother, and stepsister.

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18 (15) "Work First Family Assistance" is a program of time-limited periodic
19 payments to assist ~~in maintaining the children of~~ eligible families while the
20 adult family members engage in activities to prepare for entering and to enter
21 the workplace.

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23 SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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